
Humanitarian Affairs

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Humanitarian Affairs

The cross disciplinary humanitarian affairs minor provides students with a global perspective on the major humanitarian crises facing the human community today. Students will investigate the impacts of natural disasters, disease, hunger and famine, poverty, conflict, and national and international policies on the welfare of human communities around the world. They will also explore solutions to various humanitarian crises and evaluate the problems of practicing humanitarianism in the world today. Students will become acquainted with the organizations that address these crises and the challenges they face. Finally, students will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare them for careers in governmental and non-governmental organizations that address humanitarian issues. The minor in humanitarian studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU.

Core Requirements Credit Hours

HUMN 201 . Introduction to Humanitarian Affairs	3
Choose five of the following, with no more than two from any single discipline:	15
HUMN/GEOG 301 . Introduction to Natural Disasters	
HUMN 350 . Topics in Humanitarian Assistance	
HUMN/GEOG 360 . GIS for Humanitarian Assistance	

[HUMN](#)

[490](#). Humanitarian
Affairs Field

Experience¹

[ANTH/SOCI](#)

[313](#). Processes of
Social and Cultural
Change

[ANTH](#)

[366](#). Anthropology of
War

[ANTH](#)

[373](#). Anthropological
Perspectives on
Environment and
Development

[BIO 354](#). Global
Climate Change and
Life: Ecological and
Biological Impacts of
Climate Variability

[BIO 420](#). Medical
Parasitology

[ECON 270](#). International
Economics

[ENGR 360](#). Water in
Africa, Technology,
Education and
Reciprocity

[GEOG 215](#). Geospatial
Tools I – Cartography
and GIS

[GEOG 280](#). Human
Geography: The Cultural
Landscape

[GEOG 300](#). Population
Geography

[GEOG 322](#). Agricultural
Systems and Global
Food Production

[GEOG 323](#). Geography
of Human Genetics and
Infectious Disease

[GEOG 335](#). Geography
of Africa

[GEOG 339](#). Geography
of the Caribbean

[GEOG 345](#). Geography
of Poverty

[GEOG 375](#). Political
Geography
[ISAT 459](#). Awareness
and Understanding
of Chemical,
Biological, and
Radiological Weapons
of Mass Destruction
[JUST 235](#). Justice in the
Global Community
[JUST 341](#). Gender and
Justice
[JUST 345](#). Restorative
Justice
[JUST
357](#). Environmental
Justice
[JUST 375](#). Genocide in
the 20th Century
[JUST 377](#). Global
Futures
[JUST/POSC 392](#). Peace
Studies
[NPS 300](#). Introduction to
Nonprofits
[NUTR 380](#). Global
Nutrition
[POSC 200](#). Global
Politics
[POSC/JUST
331](#). Human Rights in
Theory and Practice
[POSC 340](#). Third World
Development
[POSC
347](#). Comparative Public
Policy
[POSC 348](#). The Politics
of Cultural Pluralism
[POSC 395](#). International
Law
[POSC 396](#). International
Organizations
[POSC 397](#). Politics of
International Economic
Relations
[PSYC 460](#). Community
Psychology in
Developing Societies

[SCOM 331.](#)

Communication and
Conflict

[SCOM 332.](#) Mediation

[SCOM/JUST 333.](#)

Negotiations

[SCOM 334.](#) Alternative

Dispute Resolution

[SCOM 371.](#) Talking

Through Tough Cases:

Ethical Principles

and Practices in

Communication Studies

[SOWK 288.](#) Social

Welfare

[SOWK/SOCI](#)

[348.](#) Introduction to

Developing Societies

[SOWK 375.](#) Grant

Writing for Agencies

[WRTC 314.](#) Writing in

the Public Sphere

[WRTC 484.](#) Writing for

Nonprofits

[WRTC 486.](#) Writing in

the Community

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1 When used for credit in the humanitarian affairs minor, the international experience must be approved and supervised by the minor coordinator or designated faculty member.